

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-901

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ernest Davis house

2. Location

street & number Talbot Street not for publication

city, town Claiborne vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Terri Zajdel

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Claiborne state and zip code MD 21624

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 625

street & number folio 377

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ernest Davis house is located on the north side of Talbot Street in Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. This gable end structure faces south with the principle gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1907, the Davis house is a frame two bay, two-and-a-half story structure sheathed in grey asbestos shingles and roofed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers and the roof is finished with a boxed cornice ending in returns on all gable ends. An interior brick chimney rises from the center of the house.

The south (main) elevation has a screened porch across the first story which wraps around to the east side of the house. The first floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide, white surrounds and a single light over four-panel door as the eastern most bay. The second floor is lit by two sets of two one-over-one sash windows with wide, white surrounds. These windows are now shutterless, but the shadows of the original shutters are visible. The attic level is lit by one one-over-one sash window with wide surrounds.

The west elevation has a two-story gable end as the northern most bay, lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide, white surrounds on both the first and second floors. The attic is lit by one one-over-one sash window with wide, white surrounds. The first and second floors of the southern bay are lit by one one-over-one sash window with wide, white surrounds. Although there are no shutters on this side of the house, all the metal catches are in place.

The north elevation has a one-story, shed roof addition as the eastern bay lit by three one-over-one sash windows with narrow surrounds. A three-light over three-panel door flanked by green, shutters pierces the east side of this addition. The western bay consists of one one-over-one sash window with wide, white surrounds. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide, white surrounds. The attic level of this gable end is lit by one one-over-one sash window with wide, white surrounds.

The east elevation has a two-story, gable end wing as the northern most bay lit on the first and second floor by a set of two one-over-one sash

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This property was purchased by Margaretha and John J. Gail from John Cockey in 1898. No structure appears on this lot in the 1902 USGS map of Maryland. In 1907 the Gails sold the property to Ernest C. and Florence H. Davis who had moved to Claiborne from Pittsville, Maryland. Mr. Davis worked on the railroad until he died at a young age of tuberculosis. His house appears on the 1912 Plat of Claiborne. Next to the house on the plat is a small box labeled "P.O." where Mrs. Florence Davis served as Claiborne's postmistress. In this two-room post office Florence Davis' father, Mr. Hamblin, printed postcards of Claiborne.

In 1945 this property passed to George D. Faulkner, John Houghston Davis, et al. who sold it to Charles H. Sherman. Sherman sold the property to Roger Lee Thorne in 1947 who kept it until 1957 when it was transferred to August E. and Clark W. Lednum. The present owner purchased this property from the Lednums in 1986.

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Ernest Davis house Description cont'd.

windows. The windows on the first floor have narrow surrounds and green shutters. The screen porch from the south side of the house wraps around to the edge of this gable end.

Two outbuildings sit on the property. One is a grey, cinderblock, two-car garage with a shed roof dormer window. The second may have been a summer kitchen at one time. This structure stands by itself and is covered in asbestos shingles and has a gable roof of asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers, and there is an exterior brick chimney on the south side. There is a four-light over three-panel door on the east side, a blind west side, and modern windows on the north and south sides.

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Claiborne
Annapolis Quadrangle



COMPILED FROM 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLES OF THE
U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:
roads and boundaries)



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ERNEST DAVIS HOUSE

SW ELEVATION



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(POST OFFICE FORMERLY
LOCATED ON PROPERTY)

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION.

CLAIBORNE, MD.

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